

been undertaken on creation of new State of Jharkhand, following reorganization of Bihar; and

(e) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Scheme provides a package of services which include supplementary nutrition, immunization, health check-up, pre-school education, referral services, nutritional and health education to children below 6 years, expectant women and nursing mothers.

(c) The Scheme is being implemented in 152 ICDS Projects covering 17 districts of the State of Jharkhand. Number of beneficiaries in the State is about 12.81 lacs.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

#### School of IT in JNU

3130. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a School of Information Technology has been set up in JNU where a school of Computer Science exists;

(b) whether other schools and centres were consulted in setting up of IT school, as is the normal practice; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether this matter was discussed in the Academic Council or the same was only circulated, stating what was the hurry in such an important matter?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The School of Information Technology has been set up in JNU as a part of IXth Plan Programme after merging

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Communication and Information Services Centre, Computer Centre and Bio-Informatics Centre. This merger is based on the Vision Plan worked out by the University for setting up new Centres/Schools in frontier arrears of Science and Technology during the IXth Plan period. This was also approved by the Academic Council and Executive Council in their meetings held on 4-11-99 and 29-11-99 respectively. Subsequently the matter was also placed before the Court in its meeting held on 4th July, 2000. As informed by the University, no hurry was shown by them in the matter.

### **Workshop on child abuse and rape**

3131. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission organized a work shop on child abuse and rape in New Delhi, in mid December, 2000;

(b) if so, whether the workshop concluded that there was urgent need to redefine rape and child abuse in legal terms;

(c) whether the National Commission of Women has also of late stressed the need for redefining rape and child abuse and has considered the existing definition as too restrictive; and

(d) what steps have been taken in the light thereof to amend the rape law?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in collaboration with Angaja Foundation, an NGO organized a workshop on 14-15 December, 2000 to sensitise judges, lawyers and police officials on the issues of child rape and child sexual abuse.

(b) The recommendations made in the workshop are being finalized by the NHRC.